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Top Stories



Today is the Primary election for the ASCWU-BOD offices. On the ballot are offices with three or more candidates. Those offices are president, vice president for academic affairs, vice president for equity and community service, vice president for political affairs. Ballots may be cast from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. See Pages 2 and 3 for candidate previews and polling locations.



Heather Zima/Observer

Programs such as football may find security with a proposed athletic fee.

\$35 athletic fee hits ballot

New fee to replace \$10 fee on May 8 ballot

by Steve Brautigam
Asst. News editor

A \$35 quarterly student fee to support athletics has been proposed by a student-athlete group in place of a \$10 fee currently on the May 8 ballot.

According to the group the fee is designed to give long-term security to Central's athletic programs while de-

creasing or possibly eliminating the need for support from the student-funded Service and Activity Fee Committee.

In the 1996-97 academic year, the athletic program received \$275,440 from the S&A fund. All students pay

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Yea or nay?

Faculty set to vote on collective bargaining; trustees must approve

by Michael Bellamy
Editor-in-chief

The Board of Trustees has granted Central's faculty permission to vote on whether or not the United Faculty of Central will represent them in developing a possible collective bargaining agreement.

The election will be held by the faculty senate who have set a tentative date of May 20. Balloting will be controlled by a neutral third party; the faculty senate's first choice is the League of Women Voters.

Lila Harper, UFC co-president and assistant English professor, said she has been involved in the collective bargaining fight since the 1970s. Harper said she would like assurance, prior to the election, that the trustees will honor the outcome of the vote. She said she fears some of the trustees may not recognize the results.

"I'm cautious, but I'm hopeful," Harper said.

Ken Gamon, faculty senate member and math professor, said since there is no legislation for four-year universities allowing collective bargaining, the board must grant the right.

"They haven't committed to granting us the right even if 100 percent of the faculty voted for it," Gamon said.

The faculty senate voted 29-2 in favor of the election, but Gamon said the election would have come about due to widespread faculty.

Keith Lewis, assistant professor of art, said he is in full support of a union but has concerns as to which way the trustees are leaning.

"I believe there are several members of the board of trustees who are irrationally opposed to a faculty union," Lewis said. "Whether they're in the majority or not, I do not know."

Both the faculty senate and the UFC are in the process of setting up informational websites to give faculty and students a clear picture of the history and issues involved in the election.

Informational seminars will also be held where issues can be raised and discussed.

Harper said she hopes the seminars will help dispel myths and misinformation. Tentative dates for the seminars are May 13 and 14.

Argument turns ugly in O-5

A dispute, possibly over drug money, turned into a melee in the O-5 parking lot last Wednesday afternoon as police received a call reporting three men and one woman attacking a 43-year-old man, according to campus police.

Campus police couldn't find the disturbance because the victim had been picked up by a Sheriff's deputy.

At the Sheriff's office the victim reported he was hit in the face twice with brass knuckles and threatened with a

9mm handgun.

Later, with the victim at the hospital, a malicious mischief call was reported at the victims house where the suspects were found thrashing his car.

Police apprehended the suspects and confiscated brass knuckles but did not find a gun.

Two of the four suspects had outstanding warrants and a third 26-year-old man was charged with second degree assault by campus police.

Faculty and staff pay raise granted by state lawmakers

Some faculty consider the pay raise too late — and too small

by David Henderson
Staff reporter

A university faculty and staff salary increase in the Washington State Legislature's new budget was passed last Sunday.

The budget will increase funding for higher education by 5 percent over the next two years. Of the 5 percent, the state will fund a 3 percent faculty and staff salary increase for the biennium. There will also be an additional 1 percent faculty increase by July 1, 1997 and a 2 percent increase by July 1, 1998.

These additional funds will not be funded by state-generated money but by a 4 percent increase in student tu-

ition which was recently passed by the legislature.

Martha Lindley, director of corporate and government relations, said faculty need more than a 7.5 percent increase to stay competitive with other colleges. Lindley said the goal has not been reached by the new budget.

"Raising student tuition to pay for a salary increase is detrimental to the university because we could be using the money gained from tuition for other things," Lindley said.

Abdul Nasser, vice president of business and financial affairs, said not all the money Central gets from the tuition increase will be spent on faculty salaries. CWU will spend \$267,000 to cover the 1997 additional 1 percent

faculty salary increase, while the remaining \$393,000 will be spent on other things the university needs. Today at the CWU budget hearings, the budget committee will decide which areas of the university will receive the additional funding.

"For every 90 new students we get \$4,000 dollars," Nasser said. "This, along with the money they (legislature) have given us with the tuition increase, should give us some money to spend on other things."

Central's operating budget comes from state-generated money, tuition, fees and private grants. Lindley said the money spent on faculty salaries came out of state-generated funds in the past, but now it comes out of tu-

ition. Other state employees, including K-12 teachers, are on a step salary system where they get a raise after holding their jobs for a certain period. But university faculty in this state don't have a guaranteed pay raise. They have to work towards a promotion or wait for the legislature to give them a raise.

"Professors should be paid at about a 75 percent rate in comparison to the other colleges around the nation," Rob Perkins, Faculty Senate Chair, said. "If you don't get the salary, then we may not attract the best and brightest faculty. Over the years, that percentage gets eroded because of the legislature's unwillingness to grant cost of living increases or just any increase in general."

Super Spike

Central participated in the fifth annual Spike Art Invitational last Saturday at Tomlinson Stadium. See Page 9.

Celebration of Cultures

Festival, food and fun will entertain Kittitas County young and old at the annual "Celebration of Cultures." See Page 6.

SHOW UP

The Service and Activity Fee Committee is meeting to hear budget presentations from campus organizations hoping to lay a claim on their share of the \$1,820,000 budget. They meet on these dates:

May 1: SUB 201 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
May 2: Range 201 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
May 5: SUB, YAKAMA 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Campus Cops

by Spencer Sawyer
Staff reporter



"psychology is

simply marked "poop." Removal cost: \$1,000.

Wednesday, April 23, 3:40 p.m.
A 1985 Chevrolet Celebrity was broken into in the SUB

a campus parking permit and an RPZ permit.

Thursday, April 24, 11:35 p.m.
While conducting a follow-up investigation with a

marijuana coming from her apartment. The woman admitted to smoking marijuana before they had arrived.

She was cited for possession of

At A Glance

Central's news show, "Newswatch," will air this Thursday at 7 p.m. on Channel Two. The show will re-air Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A brand new show will air every Thursday for the rest of spring quarter.

ADA Affairs is inviting everybody to their student art open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The construction guide

by Suzie Ritter
Staff reporter

Since June 1996, CWU has undergone vast construction. Four major projects are scheduled to finish by September 1998: Science Facility - Phase I, renovation and remodel of Black Hall, Electrical Cable Replacement - Phase III, and the Complete Lan Infrastructure Project.

"This has been deemed as the 'Mother of All Excavations'," George Marrs, CWU electrical engineer, said, "we knew it was coming all at once, and here it is."

New science facility

The Science Facility - Phase I is on schedule and on budget, Richard Brown, project manager, said. Due to winter weather, construction was a week behind. Brown said they have made up most of the snow delays. Other delays can be attributed to muddy conditions slowing the completion of sidewalks.

Projected completion date: Sept. 15, 1998.
Total cost: \$58,390,000

Black Hall renovation and remodel

Black Hall construction contracts were awarded this week; internal demolition will begin in late May.

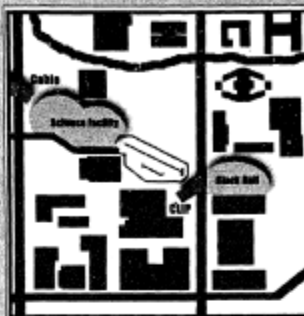
Douglas Ryder, senior architect, said all asbestos has been removed successfully from Black Hall. The Mary Grube Conference Center will stay closed until Black Hall is finished.

Projected completion date: August 1998.

Total cost: \$27,403,400

Electrical cable replacement

The Electrical Cable Replacement - Phase III (on "D" Street) includes renewal of electrical cables and new installation of transformers. The project is 15 to 30 days late due



to weather and contractors' delays.

Projected completion date: September 1997.

Total cost: \$1,424,100

Complete Lan Infrastructure Project

CLIP upgrades telecommunication circuits in seven buildings: Language and Literature, Randall, Michaelson, Hogue, Physical Education, Nicholson and Dean. The site is located on the Walnut Street Mall at the "Y" near the SUB.

The project includes new cables capable of higher transmission speeds and replaces telephone and computer circuits. Power outage schedules for May through October have been posted.

Projected completion date: September 1997.

Total cost: \$950,000

BOD 1997 Elections

Vice President for Academic Affairs



Bret Broderson
Age: 21
Major: Undeclared
Hometown: Sedro-Woolley

Bret Broderson said he plans to focus on the student-faculty senate relationship if elected.

He said he will voice student concerns in the faculty senate.

"If someone has concerns about a faculty member's teaching technique they can voice those concerns to me and I can make sure appropriate action is taken," Broderson said.

Broderson said a BOD member should be concerned for the students and the school.

"They should know how to go to the people in charge and get things done," Broderson said.



Colby Clark
Age: 20
Major: Bus. ed.
Hometown: Chelan

Colby Clark said he will be a strong voice for the students and can remain calm under fire.

"Things aren't going the way they should be," Clark said. "Our advisers need to have a better awareness (of students needs)."

Clark said many students don't have strong faculty advisers which hurts their chance to graduate on time.

Though Clark listed concerns for next year, he said he has no set agenda.

"The students should prepare my agenda," Clark said. "I have to trust they will come and see me."

Vice President for Academic Affairs



Amy Russell
Age: 20
Major: Public Relations
Hometown: Richland

Amy Russell said when she came to Central last year as a transfer student she saw students who complain but don't do anything. She said she is a student who will do something.

"We need to keep academics high while giving everybody a chance to learn," Russell said.

Russell also said the safety issue on campus has been ignored too long by student government.

"(It's) being talked about by students but has not been addressed (by student government)," Russell said.



Steve Williams
Major: Geology
Age: 22
Hometown: Puyallup

Steve Williams said he will be the most accessible academic affairs vice president in history.

"I have a definite platform opinion regarding grade inflation, personal safety, collective bargaining, day care and the representation of every single diverse district of this campus," Williams said. "If you want to hear what they are, call me at 963-9660."

Williams said Central needs a stronger student government.

"People are comfortable talking to me and I'm a good listener. I'm very comfortable dealing with those issues."

FEE: Sports seek ten-year tenure

From Page 1

\$73 a quarter for S&A funding. The \$35 fee will generate about \$282,000 per year.

In order to place the proposition on the ballot, the student-athlete committee submitted a petition with 1,250 signatures to the election commission.

They said a recent proposal by the

student athletic advisory committee to cut four of Central's sports teams prompted the group to come up with the proposition.

Gary Frederick, director of athletics, delivered the petition to the board of directors' office Monday morning and said if students are in favor of the fee, no Central sports will need to be cut.

"This fee would ensure that ten

years from now our program would still be intact and have the finances to compete with our rivals in NCAA division two," Frederick said.

The fee would be paid via students' tuition for a term of ten years. The board of trustees must approve the fee increase.

Frederick said attendance of all sporting events would be free to students upon approval.

In a Tuesday forum in the SUB, Adam Eldridge, ASCWU president, addressed students not directly affected by athletics.

"Students' fees are going up," Eldridge said. "Is it the best option for students to pay more money?"

CRIMINAL CHARGES? TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS?



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1997 ASCWU/BOD election preview

At the Polls

General election — May 8
Primary election — May 1

Students enrolled for one credit or more are eligible to vote in the May 1 primary election and the May 8 general election. Polling will take place in the following locations: Samuelson Union Building, Holmes West, Studio East, Tunstall Commons, the Library and Nicholson Pavilion. Absentee ballots are available in the Campus Life office.

President



Amy Gillespie
Major: Political Science
Age: 21
Hometown: Olympia

Amy Gillespie said her main goals if elected president are to keep the students informed and represented to the best of her ability.

"Every student at Central will get the truth and the facts about every decision made at Central in regards to where their money is being spent, to increase the amount of opportunities for students to be involved in the decision-making process," Gillespie said.

Gillespie said campus climate and student awareness are areas of primary concern.

"We need to stop discussing problems but work toward a solution to the problems," Gillespie said. "I also think the students at Central need to address the university administration about the importance of services students pay for."

Gillespie is the vice president for student affairs. "I want to continue representing Central students. I also have a working knowledge of the university system, faculty and staff. I won't take a quarter to learn that system. I know who to go to when there's a problem."



Brad Hawkins
Major: English education
Age: 21
Hometown: Wenatchee

"I want to benefit all students, not just one person and that's what student government is all about," Brad Hawkins, candidate for president, said.

His main goals if elected president are to:

- save athletics
- lobby for a new music building
- obtain more parking

Hawkins said the quality of service on campus needs to be improved.

"I'm tired of going into academic, dining or housing services and being treated like a nuisance," Hawkins said.

Hawkins said his stand on the campus climate and diversity is clear.

"MEChA is not for Hispanic people, it's about Hispanic culture," he said. "BSU is not for African-Americans, it's about African-American culture. Everyone needs to realize that. We have diversity on this campus; what we need is appreciation of that diversity."



Merle M. McLain
Age: 29
Major: Physical education
Hometown: Mitchell, Indiana

Presidential candidate Merle McLain said he sees Central as a wonderful place with a great potential for growth.

"I'm a motivator who can help close communication gaps that occur here in the student body," McLain said. McLain said there will be three big issues facing him if elected:

- athletic department cuts
- diversity
- communication

McLain said if the university is to grow then its clubs must work together.

"There are too many separate islands (at Central) and no bridges," McLain said.

McLain also said he couldn't solve all of Central's budget woes. "One year in office can't change the budget," McLain said, "but we can find creative ways to use the resources we do have. Just because it has been done that way for 20 years doesn't mean it has to stay that way."

Job description

The president serves the overall chair of the BOD and chief spokesperson for its members and the students of Central in all legislative issues.

Executive V.P.



Walter Waddel
Age: 21
Major: Business administration
Hometown: Richland

Running unopposed for executive vice president, Walter Waddel said it is time to improve the relationship between the community and Central.

"It's not healthy to have a university that fights with the community," Waddel said. "It puts the administration, faculty and students in a bad situation."

Waddel said it's also important to make the students more knowledgeable about student government.

"I've told many students I'm running for the BOD and they say 'what is that?'" Waddel said.

Waddel said he has three agenda items:

- diversity — get more minorities involved
- sports cuts — get the facts out into the open
- improve faculty-student relationships

V.P. for Organizations



Greg Watt
Major: Business education
Age: 21
Hometown: Auburn

Greg Watt said his primary focus as vice president for organizations would be the re-direction of the student senate.

"I'd like to help the Club Senate become more of a forum for student concerns and issues than just having it be concerned with money and other issues," he said.

Watt said the most pressing need of Central at this time is "for students to feel that they have an identity at Central, making sure that they're not just a number."

Watt said he would like to see Central become a place every student can be proud of and can call home.

He said the point of student government is representing student needs and conveying those ideals to the administration.

"I have the right mindset for this position because I'm a strong advocate for student-run organizations," Watt said.



JoVal Fabella
Age: 23
Major: Nutrition
Hometown: Wapato

JoVal Fabella is running as a write-in candidate for vice president of organizations. He said getting people to communicate with each other is Central's most pressing need.

"I'd like to see more interorganizational involvement," Fabella said. "I think a lot of the student organizations can help each other out."

Fabella said he has three main issues:

- promote student involvement
- create mutual support between organizations
- develop a better relationship with the community

"I think that the senate is a very important part of this university in that it provides total student involvement," Fabella said.

Fabella said he thinks student government provides students with the opportunity to lead their peers and also to question the decisions made by the administration.

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OBSERVANCE

Faculty fights for rights

Central's faculty has been fighting since the 1970s for a collective bargaining union, and now, even though it's being put to a vote, they still might not gain the right to negotiate.

The Board of Trustees have agreed to make no comment on the issue until after the faculty vote (at the faculty senate's request). However, they will not agree to honor the results of the election. As of now, the election will be similar to a referendum for informational purposes. The board may still deny the faculty the right to have a negotiating union, even if every faculty member votes in favor of the United Faculty.

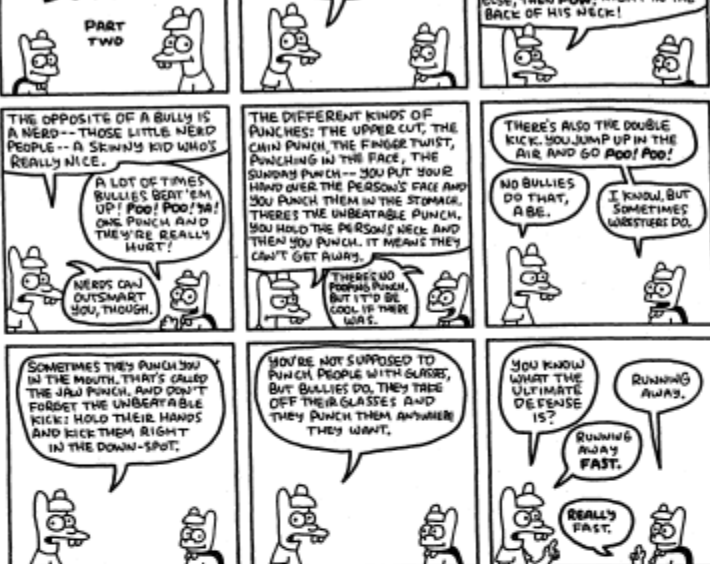
Throughout the 20th century, in all parts of the world, people have struggled and many have died for the right to have a union and collective bargaining, to have the right to negotiate the terms of their employment. Somehow, university educators in Washington have not been afforded that privilege.

If Central's faculty as a whole decides they don't want collective bargaining, then so be it. But if they vote to form a negotiating union, they should have it, and not have to wonder when they vote whether it's all for naught.

Central's faculty has as much right to a negotiating union as any other body of workers if they want one. The Board of Trustees should honor the faculty's decision. At the very least they should decide whether or not the vote will make a difference.

LIFE IN HELL

WILL & ABE'S GUIDE TO BULLIES



EDITORIAL

Women question Williamson

Two students say Central is safe

To the Editor:

Never in our student careers have we experienced the kind of harassment that Lee Williamson describes in her letter regarding the women's march to "Take Back the Night."

We highly disagree with some of the ideas and "statistics" that she set forth and claimed to be true. First, we are not harassed "24 hours a day...every single day of our lives." In fact, rarely do we feel discriminated against because of being female, nor do we feel that this campus is "hostile towards women." In classes and at our campus jobs we are typically given the same respect and attention as our fellow students. The climate that we have experienced at CWU is hardly the one described by Ms. Williamson. Walking to classes is not a nightmare filled with fear of being assaulted and attacked sexually at any moment. Rather, it is normally an

enjoyable experience where we may happen to meet a friend, perhaps, even preferably, of the opposite sex.

In addition, we refuse to accept the idea that women are helpless victims, living in constant fear and trepidation of a "threat of violence." On the contrary, we are empowered with common sense and our willingness to strive for success. The one major factor that determines a person's success in reaching their educational goals is whether they pursue such goals to the best of their ability, with a desire to work hard for personal achievement. A women's center on this campus will in no way "[ensure] that the majority of our student population is successful in reaching" such goals. Also, it is unrealistic to assume that the women's center would be utilized as a place where "men students...can go to if they want to learn about issues from a woman's perspective." A women's center would support

segregation of the sexes, rather than create an atmosphere where both genders feel welcomed. To the best of our knowledge, the purpose of the health and counseling center on campus is to serve as a place of support and help for people of both genders.

There is only so much a march can do. It may give the participants a false sense of changing society for the better, and it provides an opportunity for the opposition to attack. Unfortunately, the marchers were assaulted in an extremely rude way; we are in no way saying that we agree with the students' reaction. What is needed to guarantee that women are indeed treated equally throughout society is education. People must be taught the values and morals that demand respect for all persons, regardless of gender.

Sharon Davis
Holly Beth Pettit

GALA president says 'good for you'

To the Editor:

Mr. Copeland's letter to the editor last week voiced concerns of alienation and sneakiness on the part of GALA for sponsoring "National Wear Blue Jeans If You're Gay Day." Good for you! Thank you for utilizing the Observer rather than reverting to violence or aggression. Mr. Copeland's point is well taken -- of course everyone who wore blue jeans on that day was not gay. Mr. Copeland leached the truth twice in fact -- that day was indeed a ploy. It was designed to give a brief glimpse to people of what it is like to be perceived

wore jeans that day. I am glad Mr. Copeland was angered -- because what GALA did was not fair. We laid the premise for being judged on something you had no control over. Which, unfortunately, is what gay people are faced with daily. This underlies a current political battle. It is legal in the state of Washington to be fired, lose custody of children and be denied housing because you are perceived as gay -- and it happens. Discrimination against gays isn't just a 'gay thing' -- it's a dilemma for you and your families and friends.

If anyone is interested though -- GALA is not just about outrageous

Bible studies, community volunteerism, fund raisers for other clubs, support to youth with HIV, academic education, funding to students, weekly meetings, a regional conference in May and the best dances on campus. We are by far the most active service organization on campus thanks to our fabulous volunteer staff. Please don't let one action dictate your opinion of Mr. Copeland. If you feel alienated -- face it and come talk to us. Meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Call ahead for child care.

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'Blue jeans' letter found humorous

To the Editor:—
I read the "Shame on you GALA" and I laughed and laughed...

Peter Sams

Intramural athlete angered by language

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in regards to the discourtesy and irreverence I am feeling towards University Recreation, more specifically the intramural program. I was recently at a softball intramural game and was dismayed with the extensive amounts of foul language that was openly being used and accepted by all of those who were within ear's distance. There were no attempts made by the umpires to extinguish these attitudes. Presently, the umpires are the only ones who are allowed to comment on team sportsmanship. It would be a better representation if the managers could also add their input and therefore put the authentic meaning of sportsmanship back into the intramural program. The team that we played had a 9.0 on the sportsmanship scale, the highest being a 10, and yet they were using words that I would rather not repeat nor hear, for that matter. They weren't just talking to their buddy next to them and it didn't sound like it was the first time they've used those words.

For some people, using this kind of language is their way of life, and that's their prerogative. But when I am paying money to play in a league and be forced to listen to this type of filth, I find this type of behavior less than

admissible. Sure I could have just ignored it or walked away, but then my name would have been penalized because of the lack of players on the field, and I know I wasn't the only one feeling this way.

The reason I feel exasperation towards the University Recreation program is because they are allowing names such as "Child Porn," "Wife Beaters" and "Pearl Necklace" to be actual team names on the intramural roster. Am I the only one that feels this is a gross representation of a school program? Why have University Recreation administrators allowed this? What about the teams named after various types of alcohol? Isn't the school supposed to reject any representation of alcohol? Just like you see in violence and abuse ads, "Silence is Acceptance." Why are we accepting this open use of abusive and rude language and disrespectful naming of teams?

I would like answers from the University Recreation administration and input from other students on what we can do to encourage wholesome intramural programs. Varsity teams are not allowed to use profanity during sporting events, in fact they are highly penalized. Why should this type of attitude be accepted in the University Intramural program?

Carey South

BOD president addresses concerns raised in Observance

Dear Editor,

The purpose of this letter is to address concerns raised in last week's Observance and athletics article. In fall quarter, Gary Frederick, Keith Champagne, Shannel Robbins, Rick Vogler and I sat down to discuss problems facing the athletics program at Central. It was decided at this meeting that a student advisory committee should be set up to study the problems and put forth recommendations for the future of athletics by the end of winter quarter.

During winter quarter, the committee met on a regular basis and spent many hours reading information (over 500 pages regarding everything from budgets to Title IX) and discussing possible solutions. The recommendation was far from being a hastily thrown together document. To say the issue wasn't "investigated completely" is a gross understatement of the efforts put forth by all the committees.

Another piece of misleading information is the "\$20,000 argument." Anyone who has investigated the numbers will know that this number is a misrepresentation of the actual numbers. Coaches salaries alone for the five sports exceeds \$20,000.

There was also a question as to the committee not keeping minutes. The recommendation is a consolidation of all the issues discussed during our meetings, and therefore serves as our "minutes."

Also, our committee was not charged with choosing "four or five sports to recommend for cutting." We were charged at looking at the whole program and coming up with objective, reasonable solutions. When we discussed the cutting of sports, it was not simply based upon "how much of a spectator sport it was." The committee developed about 8-10 criteria which were used in evaluating sports.

Finally, there was a question related to whether or not the recommendation was available for committee review before it went on to Student Affairs. Yes, a rough draft of the recommendation was brought before the committee for review at our last full meeting. At this time, wording was reviewed and corrections were added. It was also stated that the final draft would not be going out for a week and all of the members who would like to see the final copy were

encouraged to stop in and see the document. Every member who expressed interest in seeing the final draft (which underwent nothing but cosmetic changes from its rough draft state) saw the completed document and had additional opportunity to have input.

I hope that this letter helps in clearing up some of the misconceptions floating around about athletics. I encourage everyone who has input on this issue to write to VP Shumate or Gary Frederick. I also would like to encourage student involvement in the budget hearings taking place in Barge Hall May 1 and 2 (see BOD page for additional info).

Adam K. Eldridge

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SPOTLIGHT

Kittitas County celebrates diversity

Dancers bring cultural experience to Central

by Jeff Foster
Staff reporter

An evening of Native American culture, beautiful scenery and original dance is planned for McConnell Auditorium this Saturday. The Tsimshian Haayuk Tribal Dancers delight the audience with their stylistic brand of dance and eclectic showmanship.

"It's a cultural exchange experience for the community and students," Theresa Ryan, American Indian Science and Engineering Society president and Tsimshian tribe member, said. "The performance gives insight into the ceremonial performance of the North Coast People."

The Tsimshian Indians hail from the north coast of British Columbia and southeast Alaska. The dancers perform dances reminiscent of a traditional tribal potlatch.

"The potlatch is four days of complete tradition, dedications, feasting and dancing," Ryan said. "It was outlawed by the European settlers and performed for only the second time in 150 years in 1994."

The European settlers outlawed the practice when they settled in the Tsimshian territory.

The dancers are all dressed in hand-made regalia, button blankets, carved masks and woven hats. Drums are also custom-made by tribespeople out of elk or deer hide complete with custom designs.

"Each piece of regalia has to be dedicated at a potlatch before it can be worn in the ceremony," Ryan said. "The pieces of clothing the dancers wear for individual dances are larger than life."

The purpose of the original potlatch was to redistribute wealth among neighboring tribes. Today, over 50 members travel around the Northwest performing for colleges, museums and schools. The group was recently featured on a PBS special.

The Tsimshian Haayuk can be seen at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at McConnell Auditorium. Ticket prices are \$5 for general admission and \$4 for students.

"The group is spectacular; they just received a standing ovation at UBC," Ryan said. "It is an opportunity for us to share in our cultural heritage with each other and our community."



Central student Carlos Rodriguez helps Morgan Hart with the art of mural making.

David Dick/Observer

by Roxanne Murphy
Asst. Spotlight editor

Ethnic entertainment, food and art headline the fifth annual "Celebration of Cultures" in Kittitas County.

The celebration is sponsored by the Office of International Services and Programs will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds home arts building.

"[The festival] is really a unique opportunity that you're not going to get every day," Tom Ogg, director of Dining Services, said. "It's really an international world and it's nice to know more about your neighbors."

The festival will kick off at 11 a.m. with Bailadores del Sol. This group of children and adults will perform traditional Mexican dances to folk music.

At 11:30 a.m., the Yakima Korean Language and Culture School will perform songs, dances and Tai Kwon Do.

The Wapato Indian Club will hit the stage at noon. This club is comprised of children from Wapato in grades six through 12. The group will perform dances drawn from a variety of regions throughout the United States and Canada, and dances that originated with the Columbia River Basin Plateau people. They will also demonstrate Northern and Southern Indian sign language.

The Ellensburg High School Chamber Choir will perform at 1 p.m.

The Adefua African Music and Dance Company will begin their performance at 1:30 p.m. They present West African cultures featuring many traditions from

vide a hands-on workshop.

The event will come to a close with the breaking of a four-chamber butterfly pinata at 3:30 p.m.

Central students will sponsor a children's activity corner that will last through all the events. Some of the activities planned are face painting, origami making, name writing in non-Roman letters and trying on costumes.

"[Celebration of Cultures] is an opportunity to learn more about what's going on outside of Central," Norm Wright, residential services area coordinator, said. "It's a fun time and a good way to interact with the community."

A shuttle will be provided at various locations on campus to transport people to the "Celebration of Cultures." Starting at 10:30 a.m., one 15-person van will

stop at the turn-arounds of Alford-Montgomery, Anderson, Beck/Hitchcock and Kamala dorms and in front of the fairgrounds at 20- to 30-minute intervals.

"We need to see more Central students at the 'Celebration of Cultures,'" Steve Horowitz, UESL program director, said. "They seem to be under-represented."

All events are free and open to the public.

Festival displays children's murals

Sixth graders from Ellensburg's Morgan Middle School have been working with Central's Carlos Rodriguez, junior art major, to create free-standing murals for the festival.

"The kind of talent the students have is amazing," Rodriguez said. "I enjoy working with all of these kids."

Rodriguez became involved with Cece Mahre's sixth graders through the Young Artists of Ellensburg program. He has been providing the class with his knowledge of art as well as the history of Mexico.

Supplies for making the murals were provided by the OISP.

The class has been learning about the various ways in which Mexico and the United States are dependent on each other. The class also learned about the history of murals.

One of the groups in Mahre's class focused on how the United States and Mexico depend on each other for food. The bottom half of their mural features a hispanic woman making tortillas and salsa. The top half consists of an American baseball player eating chips and salsa. The group also researched various books to create Aztec borders for their mural.

Jade Barisma, 11-year-old member of the group, found making the murals was fun not only because she got to paint during school, but also because the experience helped her remember information researched.



Anna Swesey works on her mural.

David Dick/Observer



From left: Stephanie Ulin, Jenny Kalles and Lindsey Potts.

Students choreograph "The Motion of Life"

by Jeff Foster
Staff reporter

The Orchestr Dance Theater presents its spring production, "The Motion of Life," in which students perform and choreograph several different styles of dance from hip-hop to ballet.

"With styles ranging from lyrical modern to hot jazz, abstract to theatrical and drama to comedy, our evening of dance should have something to appeal to everyone," Orchestr director Lana Jo Sharpe said.

The production consists of 16 dances by 13 choreographers.

"The different choreographers come to the experience with a variety of talent areas," Sharpe said.

"Their whole life background as well as their dance background is being drawn upon when they are creating their work."

The production is likened to a sports event — dancers perform their routines with precision and athleticism.

"Dance, to me, is about working hard and beautifully, and sweating every minute of it," dancer Callie Cruchon said.

"The Motion of Life" starts at 8 p.m. Thursday and runs through Saturday at the Nicholson Pavilion Dance Studio.

Doors open at 7:30 each night; general admission tickets are available for \$3 and \$2 for students and seniors.

"I'm really excited by the quality within the group both as dancers and as choreographers," Sharpe said.

FESTIVAL: Cultures expressed through a diversity of events

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Morgan Hart, a 12-year-old member of the group, enjoyed working with others.

The group appreciated the help of Rodriguez and they wanted to thank OISP for the supplies used to make the mural.

Festive food

The Celebration of Cultures festival will not satisfy hunger with foods like hamburgers or hot dogs. This year, four student groups and one local restaurant will serve various ethnic dishes that might not be encountered on an every day basis in Ellensburg.

Central's Asia University students will be dishing up runs and veggie Japanese norimaki (rice rolls).

MEChA will be providing Mexican tacos, rice and beans.

The Chinese Students Association will be making Chinese pork fried rice.

The Korean student group will be offering Chapchae, which is noodles made out of sweet potato starch with vegetables and beef.

Ellensburg's Perkins restaurant will prepare Ghanaian chicken peanut stew over steamed rice.

"You don't find food like this generally in Ellensburg," Steve Horowitz, UESL program director, said.

An "International Sampler Passport" can be purchased at the festival. This passport will allow people to sample all of the foods listed above. Passports sell for \$6 including tax. Individual servings of the foods will run between \$2 and \$3.

To have a food table at the festival, the groups paid a \$65 fee. The fee

helped offset expenses for advertising and supplies.

MEChA and the Chinese Students Association will be receiving a portion of any profit. The remaining funds will be saved for next year's festival.

The Chinese Students Association, the Korean Student Group and MEChA have worked with Tom Ogg, director of Dining Services, making sample dishes, forecasting how much will be needed for the festival and determining preparation procedures.

"There are good cooks among the international students," Ogg said.

Central's dining service is supplying the student groups with the equipment and the area to make the food.

Starting early Saturday morning the groups will meet in Holmes Dining Hall to begin preparing the food and transport it to the festival.

After the festival, dining services will look into the possibility of integrating the recipes into the student dining menu.

Celebration continues

This year's Celebration of Cultures will continue through next week. The Rondalla of the School of Engineering at the University of Baja California will perform on Saturday, May 10 at 3 p.m. at the Hal Holmes Community Center.

The group, who has been performing together for ten years, is a guitar and voice ensemble which performs traditional Mexican music. They are committed to maintaining this unique art form which expresses a romantic character through songs dedicated to women and love. This event is free and open to the public.

"Celebration of Cultures is an excellent way to expand one's knowledge of other countries," September Woods, intern for the Celebration of Cultures festival, said.

Zigzag and ZagZig to 'unexpected' paths

by Amy Abbott
Staff reporter

The road that many students follow throughout their life is often one with many bumps and curves.

That is exactly what a senior graphic design student from Japan, Akemi Higano, was thinking when she proposed the idea to name the graphic design show "ZagZig."

"The road to a graphic design career takes one down many unexpected and exciting zigzag paths," Higano said.

The graphic arts students held a reception on April 23 to mark the opening of the exhibit at the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery in Randall Hall. The show will continue until May 16.

The role of the graphic designer is to creatively communicate client messages to audiences through the organization of words and images. Typical projects include posters, brochures, advertisements and label and package designs.

Forty sophomore, junior and senior Central graphic design students, along with 10 alumni design



Amy Abbott/Observer

professionals, are showcasing their work in the exhibit.

Art professor Glen L. Bach helped organize the art work. Bach also prepares students for a career by teaching the importance of business and personal communication skills, understanding the complexities of computer aided design and bargaining with vendors.

Bach has been involved with this show three times in the last nine years.

"Each year the show gets better and better," Bach said. "Not only is technology much more sophisticated but the students are much more sophisticated and aware of what the mediums can do for them."

The Sarah Spurgeon Gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located in Randall 141.

Admission is free.

Art attracts attention to SUB

by Amy Abbott
Staff reporter

A jazz/blues combo entertained visitors for two hours at a student art festival open house last Friday in the SUB Yakama room.

Justin Gibbons' piece, "Ark of the Covenant," seemed to catch many eyes because of its unique form. Adding to its unusual aspect is a windshield wiper in its center.

"I like all the paintings and they are very interesting, especially Gibbons'," student Susan Welenofsky said.

Works appear in several different mediums. Photos, drawings and paint-

ings are displayed along with digital and computer generated work.

"The art on display is a select group of art to represent two-dimensional mediums," student Jeff VanKleck said.

Graduate student Susan Farnham worked on her piece, "Untitled," off and on for all of fall quarter, although

other pieces may not take as long.

Much of the art on display is for sale. Anyone interested in purchasing a piece of work can contact the artist through the art department.

The show runs through May 4, and is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Make your rhyme earn a dime

by Phil Deutsch
Staff reporter

A creative mind could make you a winner. All poets, published or unpublished, are encouraged to submit their poems for a chance to win more than \$48,000 in cash and prizes in the North American Open Amateur Poetry Contest. Beginners are encouraged to test their skills; any style or subject is acceptable. More than 250 prizes will be awarded.

"I would be interested in trying to win some prizes," freshmen Rob Kang said. "I have been writing poems for one of my classes, so I have had a little practice."

This year, entries can be submitted via the Internet.

"Now it's easier than ever to enter this contest over the Internet," spokesperson Howard Ely said. "Many poets prefer to enter this way, to make sure they get their poems in by the deadline date. It's much faster, easier and more reliable than the mail."

Just go to www.poetry.com to place your poem in the contest. There are no entry fees, and the contest is open to everyone. Entries can be submitted through May 31, and must be no longer than 20 lines. Every person that enters a poem will also have a chance to have their work published in a hardbound anthology.

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by Jeremiah Doner

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10 a.m. - 2 p.m., SUB Pit
**CWU Student Health and
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11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Bouillon 205
ADA Affairs: Quarterly Open House

Noon - 1 p.m., KCAT 91.5 FM
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1 - 5 p.m., SUB 106
**Prevention and Wellness Center:
Drop-In Counseling**

1 p.m., Softball
**Pacific Northwest Athletic
Conference Playoffs** @ Surrey, B.C.

3 - 4 p.m., Barge 202
**Career Development Services
Workshop: Interviewing**

3:15 p.m., Shaw-Smyser 115
**History as Mystery Colloquium:
A Murder in Virginia**, with Suzanne
Lebock, Professor of History

4 - 5 p.m., Randall 115
**Educators' Workshop: How to
Find a Job in Education**

7 p.m., SUB Games Room
Pool Tournament

8 p.m., Hertz Recital Hall
**Flute Senior Recital: John
McMurtry**

8 p.m., Nicholson Dance Studio
Orchestra Dancers: Motion of Life
Admission \$3 • Student & Seniors \$2

Friday

Time T.B.A., Softball
**Pacific Northwest Athletic
Conference Playoffs** @ Surrey, B.C.

Time T.B.A., Track and Field
**Pacific Northwest Athletic
Conference** @ Burnaby, B.C.

8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., SUB Lobby
**Chemistry Club: Mother's Day
Gift Sale • Hershey's Kisses Roses**

8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Munson Hall
**Conference Center Elaine Wright Room
Faculty Development Conference:
Mentoring Relationships: What
Makes it Work?**

2 - 3 p.m., Barge 202
**Career Development Services
Workshop: Completing the Co-op
Learning Agreement**

4 - 5 p.m., Barge 202
**Career Development Services
Workshop: Job Search**

6:30 - 9 p.m., NPAV 108
Wildcat Nightgames: Goofy Games

7:30 p.m., Hertz Recital Hall
**Concert: Horn Ensemble
Extravaganza • Admission \$5**

8 p.m., Nicholson Dance Studio
Orchestra Dancers: Motion of Life
Admission \$3 • Student & Seniors \$2

8 p.m., SUB Club Central
**Comedy Night: John Kennar and
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Saturday

Time T.B.A., Track and Field
**Pacific Northwest Athletic
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1 p.m., Baseball (Doubleheader)
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7 p.m., McConnell Auditorium
**Tamishian Hayyuk Dancers:
American Indian Northwest
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8 p.m., Nicholson Dance Studio
Orchestra Dancers: Motion of Life
Admission \$3 • Student & Seniors \$2

Sunday

1 p.m., Baseball (Doubleheader)
@ CWU vs. Puget Sound

3 p.m., Hertz Recital Hall
**Flute Farrell Scholarship Recital:
Heather Walker**

Monday

Time T.B.A., Ellensburg Golf Course
**Intramural Golf League:
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8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., SUB Lobby
**Chemistry Club: Mother's Day
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10 a.m. - 2 p.m., SUB Pit
**CWU Student Health and
Counseling: Measles Vaccinations**

Tuesday

8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., SUB Lobby
**Chemistry Club: Mother's Day
Gift Sale • Hershey's Kisses Roses**

8:30 a.m., SUB Yakima
**Interviews for Educators: Lake
Chelan School District meeting**

1 - 2 p.m., Barge 102
**Career Development Services Work-
shop: Job Search on the Internet**

2 p.m., Baseball (Doubleheader)
@ University of Washington

8 p.m., SUB Games Room
Dart Tournament • cost \$2

Wednesday

8:30 a.m., SUB 206
**Career Development Services On-
Campus Interview: Washington
State Patrol**

1 - 5 p.m., SUB 106
**Prevention and Wellness Center:
Drop-In Counseling**

2 - 3 p.m., Barge 202
**Career Development Services
Workshop: Completing the Co-op
Learning Agreement**

4 - 5 p.m., Barge 202
**Career Development Services
Workshop: Resumes & Cover Letters**

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**Campus Crusade for Christ:
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**Piano & Percussion Joint Recital:
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Remake will delight fans

by Cory Rikard
Staff reporter

Throughout history, many events and discoveries have made our society great. Thomas Edison made reading easier with the light bulb, Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon, America produced the tasty, yet less fattening frozen yogurt and KISS reunited.

Keeping nearly the same style and sound for so many years can become a band's worst enemy. KISS has taken this notion and blown it away, still playing the same way and still attracting fans of all ages to their shows. I think my grandmother still listens to them.

Now, just in time for Mother's Day, comes a new, digitally re-mastered album from the group entitled *Greatest KISS*, featuring a compilation of some of their best songs from the mid-to-late 1970s. From the slow, sweet sounds of "Beth," to the ear shattering "Cold Gin," *Greatest KISS* never ceased to amaze me.

Possibly the best song on the CD, and what has slowly become one of



America's rock anthems, is the fast-paced and lively "Rock and Roll All Nite," where the band seems to pour out their love for music — and for women — with a blitz of guitar and drums, giving you a "special feeling" deep down.

Through the magic of modern technology, every song comes alive brilliantly and clearly thanks to the re-mastering process, thus making mealtime a whole new experience.

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KISS and make up

by Jim Lenahan
Staff reporter

Overnight camp-outs to secure a spot in the audience are typical when the band KISS is headed to town. Fans, both local and from miles away, have been anticipating the day KISS would tour again.

The heavy metal band from Detroit who rocked the 1970s and 1980s canceled the final three concerts in their "Kiss and Make-up Tour," including the May 7 performance at Yakima's Sun Dome.

"It's sad to think the band thinks they're so big that they can make die-hard fans wait outside all night long for tickets and then cancel out on them," Steve Damm, drummer for Groundflower, said.

Berry Left, the tour's producer from Beaver Productions, said they made routing changes which made it possible to do their shows in Europe, but not in San Francisco, Reno and Yakima.

"They deliberated for awhile and came to the conclusion that they needed to cancel their last three shows, even though they didn't want to," Left said.

KISS began playing more than 20 years ago and decided to start touring again after a lengthy layoff.

"I flew back to Detroit for their opening act last year," Detroit native Scott Moore said. "KISS kicked ass so I can understand the pain and frustration the ticket holders are going through now that they have been shut out."

The May 5 show at Seattle's Key Arena has not been canceled. Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster, (206) 428-0888.

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Sunday

Baseball at Puget
Sound, 1 p.m.

Monday

No Events
Scheduled

Tuesday

Baseball at
Washington,
2 p.m.

Wednesday

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Thursday

PNWAC softball
regionals

'Cats a second behind

by September Woods
Asst. Sports editor

Silver shone for Central at the Spike Arlt Invitational track and field meet last Saturday, where the Wildcats claimed five second-place finishes and three regional qualifying marks.

"The meet went really well; we had a lot of people help us out and run events," John Picha, head coach, said.

Tomlinson Stadium was home to the fifth annual Spike Arlt Invitational in honor of former Central track coach and NCAA All-American hurdler Walter "Spike" Arlt.

"It is a real prestigious honor," Arlt said. "To me, it represents integrity and respect in the profession of coaching."

In the track events, Donovan Russell earned a second-place finish for the 'Cats, running the 800 meters in 1:11.46, 57.8 seconds.

"Donovan ran really well," Kevin Adkinson, assistant coach, said. "He wasn't super happy with his 1,500, so he really wanted to come back and do something."

National qualifier Brad Hawkins earned a second-place finish in the 5,000 meter run-walk with a time of 16:16.29.

"Brad had a really solid race and



Megan Prkut, right, glides over a hurdle at the Spike Arlt Invitational.

paced himself very well," Adkinson said. "He held back well and his second half was as fast as his first half."

Central athletes dominated the field events. National qualifier Tony Hoiby placed second in the men's discus with a throw of 163.4. Hoiby also earned a fourth-place finish with a regional qualifying mark of 182.3 in the men's javelin.

"Tony's been obviously improving every week and he got beat out by only a few inches in the discus," Picha said. "He threw his best ever in shot."

Megan Prkut, a 5 foot 9 inch senior, placed second in the high jump. Prkut jumped 5-4, tying first-place Larissa Norris from UPS. Prkut missed when trying for the final jump of 5-4, giving her second place.

"Megan's gearing up for the conference meet in the heptathlon," Picha said. "With her jump last weekend, it

"We are a really young team and we are getting better."

—John Picha

goes to show she's a national-caliber heptathlete. Megan is one heck of a competitor."

Prkut has one meet left to qualify nationally for the heptathlon.

Wildcat senior Angie Marchant also placed second for Central in the women's shot put with a put of 40-5, and Angela Swanson earned a second in the women's pole vault with a mark of 8-0.

On top of Hoiby's regional qualifying javelin throw, men's discus thrower Evan Ayres qualified with a throw of 138-4 and Billie Jo Bandy qualified in the women's hammer, throwing 115-4.

The meet head to Simon Fraser for the PNWAC championship meet on Saturday.

"We are a really young team and we are getting better," Picha said. "There are two ways to go — up or down — and we're definitely going up."

'Spike' Arlt, a living legend

by Brett Allen
Asst. Sports editor

Central Washington University mainstay Walter H. Arlt was honored by last weekend's fifth annual Spike Arlt Invitational track meet.

Arlt inherited the nickname "Spike" from his father who, as a young man, was the spike pitch on a threshing machine.

"My real name is Walter, so it kind of lends itself to a nickname," Arlt said.

Arlt attended Washington State University where he became a four-year standout on the track team.

Arlt was an All-American in the 110-meter high hurdles and the 400-meter intermediate hurdles. The Cougar track captain also placed fifth in the 110-meter hurdles at the 1960 Olympic trials.

Spike has spent nearly three decades at Central, dedicating his time and energy to Wildcat athletes and students. Arlt earned his masters in physical education from Central in 1968 and decided to stay. He coached the track team for 27 years, was defensive coordinator of the football team for nine years and also spent a few years coaching cross-country.

"People don't understand that coaching is a 10-to-12-hour-a-week job with no weekends and no vacations," Arlt said. "After 29 years it wears on you, your family and everyone else."

He also did not like what the future held for Central athletics.

"I saw some things on the horizon that bothered me, like trouble with funding and so forth," Arlt said.

Arlt's coaching experience at Central was a fulfilling one.

"I enjoyed every minute of it and I've made a tremendous amount of friends along the way," Arlt said.

Arlt has left coaching but not Central. He is the director of Central's coaching minor.

Fastpitch bound for conference playoffs

by Dan Hanken
Staff reporter

The Central 'Wildcats' women's fastpitch team is heading to Canada for the conference playoffs, despite dropping a doubleheader to Western Washington University last Thursday 0-2, 0-2, and splitting a twinbill Friday with Eastern Oregon State College 6-4, 0-6.

Central captured the third and final conference playoff spot last Thursday thanks to St. Martin's' four conference losses last week. St. Martin's finished the season with a dismal 2-10 conference record, one back of the Wildcats' 3-9 record.

The Wildcats, 12-21 overall, will play Western, 17-12 overall, in a best-of-three series tomorrow in Surrey, B.C. The entire series will be played tomorrow starting at 1 p.m. The winner of the series will play regular-season conference champion and nationally ranked Simon Fraser on Saturday. The Clan only needs to win one game while their opponent must win two.

"We have some tough but good ball games ahead of us," sophomore first baseman Viki Wenzel said. "We need to take one ball game at a time."

"We need to take one ball game at a time."

—Viki Wenzel

son Friday in La Grande, Ore. in a heated battle with non-conference foe Eastern Oregon State College.

In the opener, the 'Cats broke out of a 27-inning run drought, as they scored two runs in both the second and third innings to jump to an early 4-0 lead. In the second, Wenzel drove in junior catcher Tera Budberg for the first run of the ballgame. Junior shortstop Diana Phillips aggressively notched the second run on the board by stealing home. In the third, freshman left fielder Brandy Tacia walked, freshman right fielder Andrea Knight jacked a double and senior design-

Spring football hits the field

by Aaron Maul
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University football team began its quest for the 1997 season championship, beginning spring drills April 21 with a new attitude, a new philosophy and a new head coach.

In the past, the Wildcats, along with all other members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, have not been permitted to have any contact during spring drills.

Traditionally, drills began at 6:30 a.m. and were over by 7:30 a.m. so athletes could make it to 8 a.m. classes. Now that the Wildcats have NCAA affiliation, they are allowed to go through drills with shoulder pads and helmets, but contact still remains minimal. Drills are now held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, allowing the team to get an extra hour of work and coaching.

Along with the changes in the traditional schedule and attire, this has also been the first chance for the players to get acquainted with their new head coach and his philosophy.

John Zamberlin was chosen earlier this year to replace former head coach Jeff Zensiek who now coaches at the University of Northern Iowa.

Player said, so far Zamberlin has proved to be more discipline-oriented, pushing them harder than Zensiek ever did.

"Coach Zamberlin is taking a disci-



Football players butt heads at spring practice.

plinary approach in which his philosophy runs through all his players on and off the field," Beau Baldwin, assistant coach, said. "Sometimes the kids don't want to go to study hall or the weight room, but they are believing in the philosophy because it will eventually be a necessary step to their success."

Since Zamberlin's arrival at Central, he has challenged his players by making the weight room mandatory and study hall to those who need it.

He has already demanded a lot out of his players and they know it will benefit them.

"What coach Zamberlin expects, we

all know is for the better," Casey Jacox, junior quarterback, said. "Nobody around here wants to go through what we went through last year and if this is what we need to do to avoid that, we're happy to do whatever he wants."

The Wildcats have also selected the team captains for the 1997 season. Senior linebacker Rico Iniguez and Jacox will represent the team. Both Iniguez and Jacox played large roles for Central in 1996.

"I think we're going to surprise a lot of people this year," Jacox said. "We have a great offensive line and we are talented in our skills positions. All this

Wildcat baseball whips Warriors

by Mike Parker
Sports editor

Central's men's baseball team is on fire, going into a weekend matchup with UPS having won 10 of its last 12 and racking up a victory over top ranked Lewis Clark State.

On Tuesday, the Wildcats dealt St. Martin's a schellacking the likes of which they have never seen. The team trounced the Saints 24-6 and 12-7 with pitching victories by Scott Earle and Tony Lael.

"Through the line up, the guys have been hitting the ball extremely well," Desi Storey, head coach, said.

Last weekend the team fought to steal a game in a weekend series against top ranked Lewis Clark State. The victory came in a 10 inning marathon victory on Sunday.

The 'Cats' victory was the Warriors' first loss to an NIAA school this year and the first win for Central at Harris

Field since 1990. In the wake of the three wins and two close losses, Central currently has a record of 26-14.

In Saturday's only game and Sunday's first game against the Warriors, the team realized they are not as inferior to L-C State as they seemed on paper. In each match, the game was decided in final-inning Warrior rallies.

It was in Sunday's series finale that Wildcat pitcher Lee Blechschmidt attacked the Warriors with fierce pitching that allowed only three hits in 6 2/3 innings. However, in the seventh inning, the pitching turned wild. Three walks and two hit batsmen led to four Warrior runs.

It took Mark Stewart's 3 1/3 innings of relief to save the Wildcats from the L-C state series sweep.

Coach Storey is looking forward to the rest of the season, supremely confident in both his hitting and pitching.

"We're no worse than the third team in the west," Storey said.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Brad
Hawkins

Junior
Track & Field
Distance
runner

"He's very, very strong aerobically and he has good discipline pace-wise, which is crucial for the longer races," Kevin Adkinson, track coach, said.

"It's always good to start off slow and finish hard, rather than starting off hard and finishing slow," Hawkins said.



Brady Langford/Observer

Jerilynn
Boykin

Senior
Softball
2nd baseman

"In the last several weeks, she has been a key player for us," Gary Frederick, softball coach, said. "She has gotten us the base hits when we needed them. She certainly is deserving of this award."

Boykin was named to the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference All-Conference team. Boykin's batting average this season was .347.



Brady Langford/Observer

Women's soccer team is focusing itself during off-season games

by JD Cooley
Asst. Copy editor

The flames of determination and motivation are being fanned as the women's soccer team gets stoked this spring to burn next fall's competition.

"I am really excited about fall," Larry Foster, head coach, said. "We're going to be stronger than last year and much more focused. We play with controlled aggression. You have to be relaxed to win the fifty-fifty balls."

Foster said the women are quicker and their decision making is better.

"They're intense yet calm," he said. "The team's on a mission. They're self-motivated."

Next fall, Foster plans to stifle and confuse other teams with unpredictability. He's going to alternate zone and man to man defenses while switching players' positions often.

"Some games are like a chess match," Foster said. "Both teams are making adjustments. We're set up to counterattack. I want to give the other coaches gray hair."

Foster said the team's versatility is one of its strongest features. Sometimes they'll engage in a full-frontal assault. Other times they'll wait for the opposition to make mistakes, then capitalize with passing and off-the-ball movement.

"You have to have a quick mind to make adjustments," Foster said. "Soccer's not like football or basketball; there's

no timeouts. I only get to talk to the team before the game and during halftime."

Central's booters have played four matches in this spring's non-traditional season. The off-season non-traditional games allow collegiate soccer squads opportunities to evaluate themselves and size up the competition for the coming fall season. Records don't mean anything. Spirit means everything. The 'Cats demonstrated this in their lone win this spring.

"We spanked Western," Foster said. "We were happy about that."

Although Central has lost three of four matches this spring their record is deceiving. The team had just one substitute in two of their losses and no subs in their other loss. Such a small squad spelled fatigue for the 'Cats.

"They expected to just knock us over, but we didn't back off," Foster said. "Then they started throwing subs at us when they saw we were tired."

The 'Cats normally have seven or eight subs, but some of the team is engaged in track or softball, and three are recovering from surgeries. The team will be at full strength next fall. It will be their last season following NIAA division rules. In 1998 they'll compete under NCAA division II guidelines.

The 'Cats will play two more non-traditional home games May 17 against Portland State and Western.

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PLAYOFFS: 'Cats need 2 of 3

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nated hitter Shawn Lester, just off the disabled list, ripped a two-run single. Lester spent most of the season sidelined with a back injury. Before the injury, Lester was hitting a smoking .476 with 10 hits, 5 RBIs, and a double in eight games.

Eastern Oregon rallied back, scoring one in the third and three in the sixth to nod up the game at 4-4 and send it into extra innings. In the eighth, freshman Nikki Bahr singled in the winning run as the 'Cats scored two runs in the inning for the 6-4 narrow victory.

Bahr finished the game 2 for 4 and Phillips went 2 for 3 with two runs scored.

On Thursday, the Wildcats trav-

eled to Western Washington University and were blanked in a twinbill.

The Vikings shut down the 'Cats' offense with back-to-back shutout victories.

In the opener, sophomore center fielder Julie Majeski led off the game with a single, the 'Cats' only hit in the ballgame. Vikings pitcher Devon Fliss stymied the young bats of the 'Cats thereafter, and even held three first-team all-conference players, two honorable-mention conference players and the leading hitter in the PNWAC hitless. Monday, Jerilyn Boykin, Majeski and Knight were named to the all-conference team after batting .347, .410, and .337 respectively. Sophomore designated hitter Amber Rikerd and Budberg were named to the honorable mention squad. Rikerd batted .322 for the season and Budberg finished at

.298. Majeski lead the conference in hits with 41.

In the second game of the twinbill, the Vikings' Lisa Chaussee followed up Fliss with a solid pitching performance of her own. Chaussee gave up three hits and no runs. Majeski, Bridges and Budberg were the only 'Cats with hits.

With the two losses, the Vikings swept the season series with the 'Cats, 4-0. However, all the games were tight; the largest margin of victory was two runs. The 'Cats dropped a twinbill, 3-2 and 2-1, against the Vik's on April 5 in Ellensburg. The second game was an eight-inning nail biter.

"It's going to be tight, it (the Western series) could go either way," Knight said. "We are all focused on Western. When we keep our focus, we can win."

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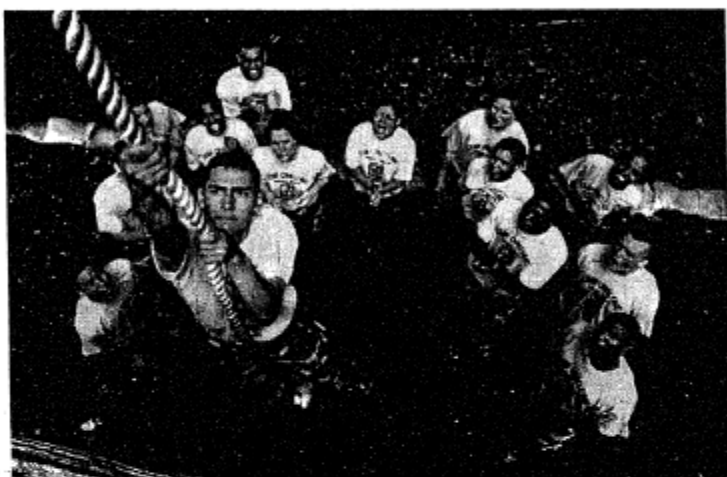
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4:15-5:00 pm	V.P. Advancement

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